



THE COMPTROLLER'S CORNER

Support the Commander and Troops in Contingency Operations

As this edition of The Air Force Comptroller goes to print, the Air Force financial management community has over 100 airmen deployed to support contingency operations worldwide. Additionally, USAFE financial management has significantly increased the tempo of operations to ensure that all commanders and troops assigned at all European locations are supported.

Our financial management community plays a significant role in supporting wartime operations. When the Air Force deploys, regardless of the type of operation, the comptroller function is an integral part of the lead cadre. Whether deploying to a bare-base environment, as described by Lt Col Hough in his article *Finance Goes Expeditionary*, or to the standup of the Air Force's first-ever Contingency Response Group as described by Lt Col Newcome in his article *Joint Task Force Shining Hope, The Real Top Dollar*, we must provide the financial services necessary to support our deployed forces. We train for this at our home station and test our skills during Top Dollar exercises. Support of contingency operations is one of our core competencies and is the main reason we will always need a substantial number of military personnel in our career field.

We are able to provide this outstanding support through the efforts and professionalism of individuals who have worked hard to gain the knowledge necessary to deploy and support Air Force members worldwide. I commend the Air Force financial management community for an outstanding job supporting our deployed forces. Keep up the good work!

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